



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Tornier, Alain  
Appl. No. : 10/730,276  
Filed : December 9, 2003  
Title : PROCESS FOR THE STERILE PACKAGING OF A PROSTHETIC  
IMPLATE MADE OF POLYETHYLENE

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Examiner : McKane, Elizabeth L.

Docket No.: 14542

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 25,  
2006, the following is submitted:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 2 of this response; and  
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this response.